GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL STATUS TO UTTARANCHAL
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to confer `special status` for speedy development of Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the reasons and circumstances leading to such decision;

(c) whether similar status is also to be given to Jharkhand and Chattisgarh States;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Special Category Status is given to those States which are predominantly of hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on border areas with under-developed socio-economic infrastructure and overall economic backwardness. Uttaranchal satisfies most of the characteristics of Special Category States.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. Jharkhand and Chattisgarh States do not fulfill the criteria to get Special Category Status.